Murphysboro City Council Meeting September 8, 2015

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 8th day of September, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Hughes led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson,

Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

Absent: Mark Costa

Mayor Stephens presented the Russell Breading Memorial Community Service Award to Janet and Terry Graeff, owners of the Top of Hill Bait Shop. Mr. Graeff stated that she owed 25 years success to the residents of Murphysboro and that most of the people in this room are my customers. The bait shop will be closing.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting. Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Mayor Stephens thanked Murphysboro Township for a \$2500 donation toward the promotional cost of the Curwood Building Project.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #596 and #597, through September 4, 2015, accounts receivable through September 4, 2015 and payroll through September 4, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

No requests stated.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Community Relations meeting of August 24, 2015

No action taken. Mayor Stephens stated that Brian Manwaring and Blip had a very productive meeting and that he will have a more in depth report.

Alderman Hughes stated she would be sending a Feed the Team information sheet around.

Alderman Campos gave an update on the Mayor-Thon.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of July 27, 2015.

Motion: To approve advertising for sale city owned property and to consider any offer.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of August 24, 2015.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #595 through August 24, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To reject request to waive lien on property at 1325 Maple Street.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Sandra Ripley is getting rate quotes for the loan.

Motion: To approve the purchase of a backhoe for the Street department in an amount not to exceed \$75,974 with the mayor negotiating an appropriate loan rate.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of August 24, 2015.

Motion: To trim trees pending solicitation of bid from Mr. Roach.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Pierson

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of August 24, 2015.

Motion: To approve the WWTP Value Engineering recommended by J T. Blankinship.

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the request for a Franchise Agreement with Egyptian Electric.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Erbes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To allow Mr. Clarke to assess, at no charge, the 17th Street water tower and inform us of the results .

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee meeting of August 24, 2015.

Motion: To approve the No Parking request on the North Side of Poplar Street from 14th to 17th Street.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Brown

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve denying the request for a stop sign on 19th Street.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Ayes: Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss, Alderman McComb, Alderman Pierson,

Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes, Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Navs: Alderman Hughes

Motion Carried

Personnel Committee meeting of August 24, 2015.

No action taken.

Alderman Hughes reminded everyone that all new aldermen need to complete the Freedom of Information Open Meeting Act training, as well as the NIMS disaster preparedness class as soon as possible. These two classes are required.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A review of the Resolution for the 7th Street Reconstruction Project was discussed. Mayor Stephens informed J. T. Blankinship to cease work on the project until motor fuel dollars are flowing again so that our match can be completed.

Mayor Stephens reviewed and discussed the acceptance of Ms. Margaret Nolan to the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Ms. Margaret Nolan to the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Campos Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Mayor Stephens reviewed and discussed the appointment of Ms. Lindsey Kleinschmidt to the Sallie Logan Public Library Board.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Ms. Lindsey Kleinschmidt to the Sallie Logan Public Library Board.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Mayor Stephens announced the following:

- 1. Reminder that the Murphysboro Art, Wine and Blues Festival will be held on Saturday, September 12th at Riverside Park. Encourage everyone to attend.
- 2. Reminder, we will walk in the Apple Festival Parade on Saturday, September 19th. We will meet at 21st & Walnut Street around 10 a.m.
- 3. Reminder for the Labor Committee-Negotiations with the fire department will begin on September 23rd at 5 pm in the council chambers.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Tom Ridings Nothing

Gloria Campos Support for Mayor Thon race

John Erbes Nothing

Danny Bratton Doing good job at sewer plant. Great progress

Bill Pierson Nothing

Gary McComb Remind everybody Relay for Life Golf Scramble. \$10 donation

for sponsorship

Herb Voss Nothing.

Russell Brown Nothing

Barb Hughes Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Ted Biggs Nothing

Steven Swafford Construction for new fire engine began, deliver mid October

Brian Hollo Reminder regarding meeting on September 23rd at 5 pm

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Regarding Inspection on water tower. We need to talk to Clarke

to see if it has to be drained. Mayor instructed him to coordinate

with Clarke.

Darrin Mills Thanks for back hoe

Jim Stewart Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.